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This pertains to U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/149,947, filed on Aug. 19, 1999, and 60/167,840 filed on Nov. 29, 1999, and 60/207,010 filed on May 25, 2000, all entitled "Nitinol Bearings", and to PCT Application No. PCT/US00/22,742 filed on Aug. 18, 2000 published as International Publication No. WO 01/12359 on Feb. 22, 2001, entitled "Nitinol Ball Bearing Element and Process for Making". --